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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: METAL ALLOY PRODUCT  
AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING SAME

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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

[ X ] Continuation [ ] Division [ ] Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

[ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (29 pages).

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- [ X ] Informal drawings (4 sheets, Figures 1-7).
- [ X ] Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (from copending parent Application Serial No. 09/376,067, filed August 17, 1999, Attorney Docket No. 43420/117) (4 pages).
- [ X ] Copy of executed Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent by Assignee (from copending parent Application Serial No. 09/376,067, filed August 17, 1999, Attorney Docket No. 43420/117) (2 pages).
- [ X ] Copy of executed Small Entity Statement (as filed in copending parent Application Serial No. 09/376,067, filed August 17, 1999, Attorney Docket No. 43420/117) (2 pages).
- [ X ] Copending parent Application Serial No. 09/376,067, filed August 17, 1999, is assigned of record to Johnson Brass & Machine Foundry, Inc., as evidenced by assignments recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel/Frame 010503/0673-0678.
- [ X ] Before calculating the filing fee, please cancel in this application original claims 2-16 of the parent application (Serial No. 09/376,067).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Filed	Included in Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$690.00	\$690.00
Total Claims:	24	- 20	= 4	x \$18.00	= \$72.00
Independents:	4	- 3	= 1	x \$78.00	= \$78.00
If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:				+ \$260.00	= \$0.00
				SUBTOTAL:	= \$840.00
[ X ]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				= \$420.00
	TOTAL FILING FEE:				= \$420.00

- [ X ] A check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [ X ] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

[ X ] Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please insert before the first line of the application:

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"This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/376,067, filed August 17, 1999, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference."

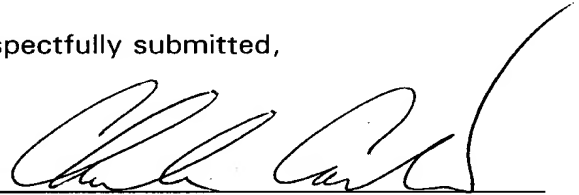
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